

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Kelly Flynn, on February 5, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Chair (R)
Rep. Jean Price, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R)
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Andrew Person (D)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)

Members Absent:

Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)
Rep. Randall Pinocci (R)

Staff Present: Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch
Jennifer Petersen, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 292, 1/27/2015; HB 300, 1/27/2015

00:00:01 Chair Flynn designates Rep. Welborn as Chair
 00:01:20 *Rep. Meyers arrives*
 00:02:30 *Chair Flynn leaves*

HEARING ON HB 300

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:56 Rep. Kerry White (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 300, Create snowmobile trail pass.
 00:10:34 Chair Welborn

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:00 Jason Howell, West Yellowstone Snowmobile Grooming Committee and Montana Snowmobile Association (MSA)
 00:11:51 Chair Welborn
 Jason Howell, West Yellowstone Snowmobile Grooming Committee and MSA

[EXHIBIT\(fih26a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih26a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih26a03\)](#)

00:12:34 Chair Welborn
 00:12:40 Bob Gilbert, Citizens for Balanced Use (CBU)
 00:14:46 Chair Welborn
 00:14:55 Joe Perry, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)
 00:15:51 Chair Welborn
 00:16:06 Scott Herzog, Montana Snowmobile Association (MSA)

[EXHIBIT\(fih26a04\)](#)

00:17:33 Chair Welborn
 00:17:40 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
 00:18:27 Chair Welborn
 00:18:30 Paul Fielder, self
 00:19:09 Don Phillips, Missoula Snowgoers
 00:19:47 Chair Welborn
 00:19:56 Paul Fielder, self
 00:20:08 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association (MLHA)
 00:20:37 Chair Welborn
 00:20:50 Cliff Walter, self
 00:21:29 Chair Welborn
 00:21:40 Bob Walker, self
 00:22:45 Chair Welborn

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:23:04 Chas VanGenderen, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:26 Rep. Person
 00:23:55 Rep. White
 00:24:00 Chair Welborn

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00:24:06 Chas VanGenderen, FWP
 00:24:21 Rep. Court
 00:24:42 Rep. White
 00:25:01 Rep. Court
 00:25:09 Rep. White
 00:26:24 Rep. Court
 00:26:45 Rep. White
 00:26:57 Chas VanGenderen, FWP
 00:27:04 Chair Welborn
 00:27:11 Mike Korn, Deputy Chief Law Enforcement, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
 00:27:51 Chair Welborn
 00:27:54 Rep. Court
 00:28:27 Mike Korn, FWP
 00:28:43 Rep. Lieser
 00:29:16 Rep. White
 00:30:46 Rep. Lieser
 00:31:01 Rep. White
 00:31:59 Rep. Person
 00:32:06 Chas VanGenderen, FWP
 00:32:13 Chair Welborn
 00:32:23 Rep. Court
 00:33:08 Rep. White
 00:34:18 *Rep. Pinocci arrives*
 00:36:24 Chair Welborn
 00:36:46 Rep. White
 00:37:09 Chair Welborn
 00:37:14 Rep. Price
 00:38:01 Rep. White
 00:39:25 Rep. Price
 00:39:48 Rep. White
 00:41:14 Rep. Meyers
 00:41:57 Rep. White
 00:42:05 Rep. Meyers
 00:42:16 Rep. White
 00:43:32 Rep. Meyers
 00:43:55 Rep. White
 00:44:25 Scott Herzog, Head of Search and Rescue, Cascade County
 00:45:04 Chair Welborn
 00:45:55 *Rep. Jacobson arrives*
 00:45:59 Rep. White
 00:46:20 Chair Welborn

Closing by Sponsor:

00:46:26 Rep. White
 00:47:58 Chair Welborn

HEARING ON HB 292**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:48:27 Rep. Bob Brown (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 292, Restricting the use of simulated wildlife decoys.

EXHIBIT(fih26a05)**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:53:24 Chair Welborn

00:53:36 Paul Fielder, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:55:00 Mike Korn, Deputy Chief of Law Enforcement, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:58:29 Chair Welborn

00:58:33 Joe Perry, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA), Conrad Sportsmen Alliance (CSA), Russell Country Sportsmen (RCS)

EXHIBIT(fih26a06)

01:00:54 Chair Welborn

01:01:14 George Golie, Montana Game Warden's Association (MGWA)

01:03:41 Chair Welborn

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:03:58 Rep. Cook

01:04:33 Mike Korn, FWP

01:04:47 Rep. Cook

01:05:04 Mike Korn,

01:05:09 Rep. Cook

01:05:13 Mike Korn,

01:05:19 Chair Welborn

01:05:22 Rep. Z. Brown

01:06:42 Rep. B. Brown

01:08:28 Rep. Z. Brown

01:08:45 Rep. B. Brown

01:09:50 Chair Welborn

01:10:00 Rep. Wagoner

01:10:29 Mike Korn, FWP

01:10:45 Rep. Wagoner

01:11:00 Mike Korn, FWP

01:11:19 Rep. Wagoner

01:11:26 Mike Korn, FWP

01:11:35 Rep. Meyers

01:12:19 Rep. B. Brown

01:12:50 Rep. Meyers

01:13:12 Rep. B. Brown

01:14:04 Rep. Meyers

01:14:09 Rep. B. Brown

01:14:40 Rep. Shaw

01:15:41 Mike Korn, FWP

01:16:09 Rep. Noland
01:16:32 Mike Korn, FWP
01:17:02 Rep. Noland
01:17:17 Mike Korn, FWP
01:17:34 Rep. Noland
01:18:47 Mike Korn, FWP
01:19:55 Chair Welborn
01:20:01 Rep. Fiscus
01:20:29 Mike Korn, FWP
01:21:04 Rep. Fiscus
01:21:53 Mike Korn, FWP
01:23:27 Chair Welborn
01:23:32 Rep. Pinocci
01:24:31 Mike Korn, FWP
01:24:58 Rep. Pinocci
01:25:18 Mike Korn, FWP
01:25:29 Rep. Price
01:25:57 Mike Korn, FWP
01:27:08 Rep. Price
01:27:14 Chair Welborn
01:27:51 Joe Perry, self
01:29:16 Chair Welborn

Closing by Sponsor:

01:29:29 Rep. B. Brown
01:31:03 *Chair Flynn returns*
01:31:13 Chair Welborn, Recess (*hands gavel back to Chair Flynn*)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 263

01:37:44 Chair Flynn, Reconvene
01:38:53 **Motion:** Rep. Welborn moved that **HB 263 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:39:06 Rep. Court
01:42:22 Chair Flynn
01:42:27 Rep. Smith
01:43:25 Chair Flynn
01:43:33 Rep. Z. Brown
01:44:00 Rep. Cook
01:44:40 Rep. Meyers
01:44:57 Rep. Court
01:45:08 Chair Flynn

01:45:13 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-12 by roll call vote with Rep. B. Brown, Rep. Cook, Rep. Flynn, Rep. Hess, Rep. Noland, Rep. Pinocci and Rep. Price voting aye. Rep. Hess and Rep. White voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 46

01:46:55 **Motion:** Rep. Welborn moved that **SB 46 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:47:02 Chair Flynn

01:47:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hess and Rep. White voted by proxy. Rep. Wagoner will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 263

01:48:06 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Welborn moved that **HB 263 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote. Rep. Hess and Rep. White were excused.

01:49:23 Chair Flynn

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:51:36

Jennifer Petersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih26aad.pdf](#))